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## Commanders Report

Well an inch or two to get us started and then “wham” a foot plus (could have been worse 2-3 feet predicted), let’s hope that is the worst for this winter.

In January we attended 3 County Oratorical contests and the 10th District contest. I’m happy to report that we are sending Nassau contestant on to the Zone competition on 2/7 at the Elmont Library, if you are interested, why not join us at 10:00am.

We met with Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Chairman of the State Assembly’s Veteran’s Affairs Committee. The conversation was very cordial and he is 100% in support of veterans initiatives and is looking forward to our visit on Hill Day in March.

The staff & I spent 3 days in snowy Albany at the Department Mid-Winter Conference. We brought forward many of the concerns from the Posts regarding membership. They also had some very informative session on Compliance, Public Relations, Legislative, Homeland & National Security, Historians, Americanism, and Scouting. Posts should give serious consideration to sending a representative to the Mid-Winter Conferences and the Annual Conventions as there is a wealth of information to be garnered from the meetings. It is also a two-way street, in that individuals can ask questions and give feedback to the Department’s Committee Chairmen.

The Annual Military Ball/Post Commanders Night (it actually starts at 12:00 Noon, but they put on sunglasses and pretend it’s night) will be held at Leonard’s “La Dolce Vita” catering. All Posts are strongly encouraged to attend the affair (bring your Post Colors), lots of good food, drink, dancing, and comradeship (see PCC Colon’s article for details).

For God, Country and the American Legion.

## THIRD DIVISION REPORT

Carl J. Marchese, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Cdr.

On Monday, 5 January, I attended one of the many oratorical contests in The county, this one hosted by Hempstead Post. All four participants were from high schools in Nassau County ( two from Oceanside , one from Mineola and one from Great Neck South). All female contestants did a good job discussing various aspects of the U. S. Constitution.

On 7 January, I visited Manhasset Post. Commander Matt Falcone and his staff were quite cordial and made me feel most welcome. Despite Arctic-like weather that night, the number of members in attendance was commendable. Two new members were introduced. Both men exhibited an eagerness to get involved with Legion activities.

I look forward to future visits to other posts.

Be advised: there will be a Third Division meeting very soon. Each post should send a representative....date forthcoming.

County Historian  
James T. Randle

To all Post's Historian the Legion year is half over. I hope the Post Historian is putting together their Post Scrapbook or History yearbook book. The current 2014 officer's guide book on page 145, it contains the basic instruction for a Post Historian in compiling a post history yearbook. There is a new a new from National judging standards. I have set a date for receiving the book at the County meeting Friday May 22, 2015 your book will be judged and awards will be given out at the County Convention on Friday 5, 2015 with the winner book to go to Department convention in July.

Call me I can help or if there is any question. For God and Country

516 270-3876

My e-mail - [jtrandle46@gmail.com](mailto:jtrandle46@gmail.com)

At Mid-Winter I was elected First Vice President for New York State Association of Historians

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THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY NOT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS COULD DELAY PROCESSING

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER GRANTS:** Grants from this fund provide emergency assistance to The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion current members in areas devastated by a declared natural disaster, to include floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and related adverse weather events. You must have been displaced or evacuated from primary residence and had out-of-pocket expenses to provide for food, clothing and shelter. These funds are not designed for insurance compensation or to cover monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds), equipment or vehicles. Individual members may apply for assistance. Only one grant per household (up to \$1,500.00) will be approved.

**POST GRANTS:** Same criteria apply. Post Grants (up to \$5,000.00) must derive from a declared natural disaster. Substantiating information must provide that The American Legion Post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained. A written report from a Post, District or the applicant.

Department officer outlining losses and the impact on community should be provided with the Grant Application. The NEF is not a replacement for insurance. It is the responsibility of each Post to have necessary insurance to sustain operations in the event of damage.

**REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION:** Department and National Headquarters must have sufficient, documented information to justify the need. The application must be filled out completely and accurately. If needed, attach additional sheet(s) for supporting data (photos, receipts for temporary lodging and food, work estimates, etc.). **NOTE:** Grant requests must be submitted through the proper channels and reach National Headquarters within 90 days of the date of the disaster.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES:** Applicant will forward original and all supporting documentation to Department Headquarters for processing. Keep a copy of all everything for your records. All grant requests must be reviewed and signed by the Department Commander or Department Adjutant before being sent to National Headquarters. Make sure you have included ALL proper documentation and photos of hardship to help justify the grant request.

**RECOMMENDATION/SIGNATURE OF NEF GRANT APPLICATION:** After reviewed by Department, if additional information is needed, the Department will either call or return the application to the individual member or local Post for resubmission. If the application is properly completed, a recommendation will be made and signed by either the Department Commander or Adjutant with the recommended amount, then forwarded to the National Emergency Fund Coordinator for action. When approved by the National Adjutant, a check will be issued and forwarded to Department Headquarters for issuance to If any of the above criteria has not been met, the application will be rejected and returned to Department Headquarters for amendment or further clarification. If the application is disapproved, it will be returned to Department Headquarters who will notify the applicant.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION, CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR HELP.**

**VAV's Report**  
**PLEASE HELP**

**Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545**  
**Dep. Rep William Harms, PCC 516-795-3679**

The VAV's would like to thank the Glen Cove Post 76 that has been added to the list for their greatly needed Donation to help the Veterans at Northport VA Hospital. To get needed items the VA does not pay for:

EAST MEADOW POST 1082 ————— \$300.00  
EDWIN WELCH, Jr. POST 1132 -----\$200.00  
PLAINVIEW POST 1812—————--\$200.00  
GLEN COVE POST 76 —————\$200.00

If any other Post in Nassau would like join the Posts above by making a DONATION every little bit helps:

Please make out a check to: - VAV's Executive Board  
And Mail to the Vice President of the Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PPC  
69 Hope Drive  
Plainview, NY 11803-5646

**NURSES TRAINING BALL RESCHEDULED**

DUE TO A CONFLICT WITH THE POST COMMANDERS NIGHT THE NURSE'S TRAINING BALL HAS BEEN MOVED FROM FEBURARY 22 TO SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015.



CALL FRANK COLON TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT.

**NOTICE**

PLEASE DELETE THE BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER FOR MARY NORRIS, REHAB CO-CHAIR. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT HER CELL PHONE NUMBAR 287-3569

**NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER**

THE NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT AND DINNER ARE SET FOR APRIL 17TH AT ANTONS RESTAURANT IN QUEENS AT 7:00 PM.

TICKETS ARE \$65.00 EACH AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM FRANK NEAL, COUNTY TREASURER. THIS AFFAIR IS USUALLY A SELL OUT AND IF YOU WANT TO GO CONTACT FRANK AT 486-3834.

THE DEADLINE FOR TICKETS WILL BE MARCH 31ST. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR !

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**FAMILY AND TROOP SUPPORT**

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Commander has asked me to take over the Family/Troop Support program for the remainder of the Legion Year. I have agreed to do this but we now need assistance from the Legionnaires. We need items for the Rehab Program and the Family/Troop Support program. Items needed are toiletries, socks, T-shirts, small hand held games, writing materials (pads, pens, pencils and envelopes), and snack foods. We need to get this program started again.

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**CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have shipped approximate 65 cell phones, 1 portable hard drive and 4 laptop computers to the recycling center an awaiting the breakdown. Once the check comes in I will ask the Treasurer to split it between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Funds. We must have 50 cell phones before we can ship, with the recycling center supplying the shipping for UPS..

The recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

cell phones	cell phone accessories
iPods & MP3 Players	handheld game systems
GPS handheld units	laptop computers
E-readers	portable hard drives

Keep collecting any of the above, bring them to the County meeting or if you have a large amount call me to arrange a drop off or pick up hand held game systems

**“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”**

REGINALD BUTT

**National Defense Authorization ACT (NDAA)**

H.R. 3970, the Carl Levin and Howard P. (Buck) McKeon National Defense Reauthorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 authorizes \$513.4 billion in discretionary spending for the base budget for the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy activities in fiscal 2015. The bill also authorizes \$63.7 billion in fiscal year 2015 for Overseas Contingency Operations

Included in H.R. 3979 are modest benefit cuts to military families. Specifically, the bill includes a \$3 increase for pharmacy co-pays for retail prescriptions and mail-order non-generic prescriptions and a 1% housing allowance rate cut. Both changes will only be in effect for fiscal year 2015.

H.R. 3979 was the house and senate negotiated NDAA compromise. H.R. 3979 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 300-119 on December 4, 2014 and the Senate passed the legislation by a vote of 89-11 on December 12, 2014. This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year the Congress has passed a defense authorization bill and President Obama signed H.R. 3979 into law on December 19, 2014

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**BOYS STATE PROGRAM**

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

This Year’s Boys State will run from 26 June 2015 (Friday) until 02 July 2015 (Thursday) at SUNY Morrisville. The Friday start is due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on Saturday making the holiday to be observed on Thursday 3 July. I have booked the two buses (two – one way trips) with an increase this year of \$300 each trip. The cost of Boys State is set at \$450.00. The application and other necessary forms will be available on the Department of New York’s web site on 26 January. The information on how to access it will be in my letter to the posts which will go out the first week of February. The Post Chairman should be contacting the schools and setting up interviews, then, once you have selected your candidates and forwarded to me the fee(s) can have them proceed to the web site and complete the application process.

**Membership Report**

Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION**

J FRANKLIN BELL ISLAND PARK  
ANDREW FATSCHER  
LAWERENCE- CEDARHURST LYNBROOK  
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

**2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION**

ROBERT VAN COTT UNIONDALE (8/14)  
FLORAL PARK FRANKLIN SQUARE  
HUGH C. NEWMAN III WILLIAM CLINTON  
GOMILLION CAMPBELL

**3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION**

YOUNG SIMMONS CHARLES WAGNER  
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT CARLE PLACE  
PORT WASHINGTON JAMES F. BRENGEL  
ARCHIE McCORD GLEN COVE  
ADM R. CONOLLY

The above list posts have no transmittals to department in the last 3 or more months.

As I stated in last month’s report,

**POST COMMANDERS ARE RESPOSIBLE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

We are way behind and as stated at the Mid-Winter Conference, The Department of NY’s position on membership is that the posts and Post Commanders are solely responsible.

Also PUFLS are \$1.50 per member to be paid to the County. Most post still have not paid or are not paying the correct fees.

Let’s get the membership renewals in. Remember if I don’t have the copy of your post’s transmittals I cannot call Department and find out why your numbers are not changing.

Let’s light those fires and get them moving!



Joseph Brunner  
Membership Officer

### County Rehab Visitation Sched

#### Team # 6 – February 14, 2015

ARCHIE McCORD # 86  
GLENWOOD LANDING #226  
JOE MURPHY #1957  
LEVITTOWN #1711  
MERRICK # 1282  
PORT WASHINGTON # 509



#### Team #7 – March 14, 2015

CHARLES WAGNER POST #421  
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449  
MANHASSET #304  
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4  
WANTAGH # 1273  
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101



#### Team # 8 – April 11, 2015

EAST ROCKAWAY # 958  
FLORAL PARK # 334  
HEMPSTEAD # 390  
MASSAPEQUA # 1066  
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749  
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342



#### Team # 9 – May 9, 2015

CARLE PLACE # 1718  
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160  
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132  
FRANKLIN BELL #81  
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT CO-CHAIRPERSON MARY NORRIS AT CELL # 287-3569 . ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

### Military Ball/Post Commanders Night

As of Jan. 30th we have sold 139 tickets, that includes 19 posts and 1 Auxiliary Unit. Last year we had over 300 in attendance. Please get your checks in. Our minimum is 200. Any questions, you can call me at 766-6563

Frank Colon, PCC

### DONATIONS NEEDED

THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IS ONCE AGAIN LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO HELP PAY FOR THE PATCHES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG THE GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND PICK THEM UP AGAIN THE FOLOWING WEEK.

THESE CHILDREN FLAG OVER 237,000 GRAVES IN A LITTLE OVER 3 HOURS. THE COST OF THESE PATCHES RUNS OVER \$2,500.00 EACH YEAR AS OVER 5,000 ARE GIVEN OUT. EACH YEAR WE ASK THE VETERAN COMMUNITY FOR DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THESE PATCHES.

WE ALSO FEED AND PROVIDE DRINKS FOR THEM AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED



EACH YEAR THE DATE, LETTERING AND BORDER COLOR ARE CHANGED.

OUR THANKS TO THE LYNBROOK POST FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$100.00 TO START THIS YEARS DONATIONS. MAKE ALL CHECK OUT TO LINCMO, INC AND SEND TO ME:

KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN  
121 POWELL AVENUE  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570



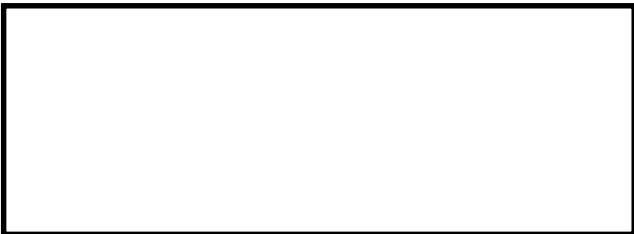
**NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE**  
**121 POWELL AVENUE**  
**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570**

**NON-PROFIT ORG.**  
**U.S. POSTAGE**  
**PAID**  
**MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758**  
**PERMIT # 8**

**MEMBER**  
**National American Legion Press Association**  
**New York State Legion Press Association**



**MEMBERSHIP  
CHECKLIST**



**IS MY MEMBERSHIP  
UP TO DATE?  
HAVE I GOTTEN A  
NEW MEMBER ?  
IS MY TEAM REALLY  
TRYING ?  
WHAT MORE CAN I DO ?**

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>FEB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>COUNTY FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 400 HEMPSTEAD AVENUE, MALVERNE</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>ORATORICAL ZONE COMPETITION - ELMONT POST</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>LINCOLNS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG</b>	
	<b>14</b>	<b>VALENTINES DAY - REMEMBER YOUR SWEETHEART</b>	
	<b>16</b>	<b>WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG</b>	
	<b>18</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
	<b>21</b>	<b>MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK</b>	<b>1-5 PM</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING</b>	<b>7:30 PM 8:00 PM</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>ORATORICAL DEPT COMPETITION ALBANY</b>	
<b>MAR</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>HILL DAY - ALBANY</b>	
	<b>8</b>	<b>UVO INSTALLATION - EDWIN WELCH, JR POST \$45.00 pp</b>	<b>1-5:00 PM</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>ST PATRICKS DAY</b>	
	<b>27</b>	<b>COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING (10TH DISTRICT VISITATION)</b>	<b>7:30 PM 8:00 PM</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>10TH DISTRICT AT QUEENS CONTINENTAL POST</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>ORATORICAL QUARTER &amp; SEMI FINALS INDIANAPOLIS</b>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>NATIONAL FINALS - INDIANAPOLIS</b>	
	<b>17</b>	<b>NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER ANTONS QUEENS TICKETS \$65.00 P.P.</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>